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We've changed! to boldly state the obvious. We're hoping the added flexibility of the larger format will make *The Gull* more attractive and more readable. For the time being, think of it as a work-in-progress: your editor, whose notion of graphics is sticking a few drawings in the midst of all the words, is being advised by a battery of experts. Comments, beyond the inevitable cries of dismay and disdain, are welcome.

In late October, the House of Representatives passed H.R. 1845 establishing the National Biological Survey (NBS) within the Department of the Interior, the purpose of which is to better assess the country's biological resources and develop a biological data base. The final bill included a number of harmful amendments, one of which, by Rep. Bill Tauzin (D-LA), removed the provision which would allow the Secretary of the Interior to accept the services of volunteers in conducting the survey. The comments from the floor of the House are frightening in their vilification of environmental volunteers in general and Audubon in particular:

"It is hard to believe that an interest group could actually be one of the volunteers, that we could have the...Audubon Society...qualify as volunteers to go out and collect data...in essence we are creating an environmental gestapo that will go on people's private property..." [Rep. Jack Fields, R-TX]

"Our complaint is that the volunteers, nonscience volunteers with a special agenda...are going to be part and parcel of...the survey...You start with bad science, you end up with bad science..." [Rep. Bill Tauzin, D-LA]

One can argue that the ultimate purpose of these legislators is to sink the project before it starts by

acting on specious "wise use" concerns, but be that as it may the remarks demonstrate ignorance and shortsightedness couched in language unworthy of an elected official. Golden Gate Audubon's president, Steven Margolin, has sent the following letter to Rep. Fields:

Dear Representative Fields:

I write in response to your remarks in the House concerning H.R. 1845 and the use of volunteers to collect data for the proposed National Biological Survey. Your opposition to volunteers collecting data is puzzling. Your *ad hominem* argument about Audubon volunteers in particular is unacceptable in the House of Representatives of the American people.

Audubon volunteers have been conducting Christmas Bird Counts across our nation for nearly a century. Today, the Christmas Counts involve tens of thousands of people, all of them volunteers. They give freely of their time to collect facts—facts about birds and wildlife habitat. They do so without any possibility of pecuniary gain. The facts collected are compiled at local Count Dinners, where the volunteers assess each others' data and defend their reports

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unusual sightings or counts. Local compilers, drawn from the ranks of the most careful and capable volunteer field ornithologists of the locality, further review the collected facts and send them on to regional or state compilers, who perform additional reviews before submitting the data to the editors of *American Birds* for publication. The repeated scrutiny of the facts we collect provides an exceptional level of scientific peer review. The body of facts collected over the years is invaluable to an understanding of our natural environment.

Despots and demagogues fear facts. Some try to suppress facts that run counter to their perceived interests. Others, like you, vilify the messengers. Instead of welcoming citizen participation and praising the work of the Audubon Christmas Count volunteers, you stand on the floor of our House of Representatives and call us "an environmental gestapo." How dare you compare us to the perpetrators of the Holocaust!

This year as in prior years, and in the face of your calumny, we shall go about the collection

of facts on birds and wildlife habitat. We shall hold our Count Dinners and publish our results, adding new facts to those previously collected. We persevere, confident that despite your efforts we shall make the world safe for your grandchildren.

Very truly yours,

Steven Margolin



Please write to
Senators Boxer and Feinstein
(Honorable _____, U.S. Senate,
Washington, DC 20510) and
your representative
(Honorable _____
U.S. House of Representatives,
Washington, DC 20515)
asking them to strike out
the "volunteer provision" now in
H.R. 1845 and to support
the use of volunteers for the collection
of data that could be used in the NBS. Also ask
them to demand an apology from Rep. Fields for
his offensive remarks.

Dogs by the Bay

Marion Craig

A well-organized and vocal group of dog-owners is pushing for a "dog park" and for the privilege of allowing unleashed dogs "under voice control" on the perimeter trail at Berkeley's North Waterfront Park. The Berkeley City Council on November 16 directed city operational staff to do an environmental study of the effects of allowing dogs to run free at this shoreline park. Proponents of the plan assert that the northern end of the park is "barren;" that it is no Emeryville Crescent as far as birds are concerned; that it is an artificial environment that will never attract or support wildlife unless a lot of money is spent to change it.

Along with other local environmental groups, GGAS has taken a position against *unleashed* dogs at North Waterfront Park. The Conservation Committee wants to hear from members on this issue. Write or phone your opinions specific to this park, or in general, regarding bird observing in the presence of free-running dogs. Brief accounts of specific shoreline and bayside experiences would help us: the date, time and place along with comments on the success of your observing (was it satisfactory or interrupted, frustrated, aborted?). Written accounts sent to the office would be most helpful; or telephone Marion Craig at (510) 845-5036 before 9 p.m. with observations and opinions.

Observations

Ann Dewart

It appears that the excitement of fall with its daily arrival of new rarities has wound down and we're into the general abundance of winter. It's worth pointing out one more time just how lucky we are compared to people in the interior and in the northeast where winter truly is the "dead" time. Here we have ducks, geese and shorebirds in abundance, and large numbers of wintering passerines; the variety of birdlife is, if anything, greater than during the summer. This time of year, it's possible to go out and spend a fairly leisurely day in a variety of habitats and see over 100 species of birds almost without trying. That feat is still possible in the summer, but it takes a little more work, particularly after the birds have stopped singing. Besides, although it's easy to ridicule ducks (in overall aesthetic terms, they're clunky), in all truth duck-watching is quite a gratifying pastime: they're big; they're relatively obtrusive (none of this hiding-behind-a-leaf business, although reeds can be a problem); mostly they don't defy identification; and magnified through a scope or binoculars their plumage can be quite spectacular. For those people who can't abide the obvious, who instead demand infinite subtlety, there's always gulls. A January Saturday spent combing the coast for a Glaucous Gull doesn't appeal to everyone, but it's often rewarded. Winter is good.

Pelagic life reverted pretty much to the expected. A long-distance pelagic trip out of Sausalito on the 7th reported the only Laysan Albatross of the season as well as a poorly seen

pterodroma, probably a Cook's Petrel, and twenty-one Fork-tailed and three Leach's storm-petrels (SBT). A trip to the Cordell Bank on the 6th had **seventeen** Flesh-footed Shearwaters, small flocks of Buller's Shearwaters and four South Polar Skuas (RS, LLu). A Red-necked Grebe just outside the Palo Alto Yacht Harbor (SCR) and an Ashy Storm-Petrel at the Coyote Creek Riparian Station (MMR) were definitely well-removed from their normal pelagic haunts.

Cattle Egrets are now seen with such regularity in the winter months that at some point they may not merit special mention. There were also the usual early-season out-of-range (mostly along the coast) reports of Tundra Swan, and Greater White-fronted, Snow, and Ross' geese. Two Trumpeter Swans were photographed and video-taped at Tule Lake on the 27th (JiD). Eurasian Wigeons seem to be around in good numbers and there were three reports of Tufted Duck: Alviso (mob), Rodeo Lagoon (SP, JMR, JM, DSh) and Redwood City (RSTh). As many as three Harlequin Ducks continued to be seen at Point Reyes (SFB, RS) and there were single Oldsquaws reported from Foster City (BJ, DSa), Pescadero (JSp, BMcK), the Eel River mouth (DGY) and Point Reyes (RS).

The **Black Vulture** continued to be seen in Arcata through the month (DGY). An immature **Gyr Falcon** in eastern Alameda County from the 27th to the 30th (RJR) didn't get much publicity, in part because there is always a question about the origin of unusual raptors (this one did not have jesses, so it becomes easier to presume that it might have been wild and not the property of a falconer) and

in part because there is still a very lucrative worldwide market for falcons, so discretion is always dictated when birds like this are reported.

A Mountain Plover, possibly the first Plumas County record, was reported from Sierra Valley on the 27th (MMC). Despite its name, the Mountain Plover is a bird of short-grass prairies and arid plains, nesting from the Great Basin to the Great Plains and wintering primarily in central California but ranging down through the southwestern deserts and into Mexico; locally, in the winter it is found in the western San Joaquin Valley and the adjacent foothills. Its overall numbers are small (2000 to 6000) and it is a species in serious decline. There were Rock Sandpipers at Pigeon Point (JZ) and Mendocino (DT); and four Ruffs and a Stilt Sandpiper were seen at evaporation ponds near Lemoore in Kings County on the 29th (JeS).

A **Common Black-headed Gull** was seen briefly in Alviso on the 15th (SCR). There was a Glaucous Gull in Mendocino County early in the month (JRW, DT); and a Sabine's Gull, late and unexpectedly inland, at Alviso in mid-month (RFR, SCR, DSa). Three Xantus' Murrelets were reported from a Monterey pelagic on the 8th (DLSh). But the alcid surprise-of-the-month was an Ancient Murrelet on San Pablo Reservoir from the 13th to the 22nd (RSa, mob). These are regular winter visitors, but on the near-shore ocean, not inland reservoirs.

Yet another White-winged Dove, the third this fall, was at Point Reyes on the 6th (GDe). San Francisco, located at the

Observations

tip of a long peninsula and, by definition, nearly surrounded by water, because of lack of suitable habitat, primarily oak, but also pine, woodland, lacks a number of bird species considered relatively common elsewhere in the Bay Area. Hence, the presence of Acorn Woodpeckers, Steller's Jays and Plain Titmice in Golden Gate Park is worthy of note (MH, JSC, DSg, JM). Yellow-bellied Sapsuckers were reported from Pescadero (RSTh), Humboldt County (GSL fide JCS) and Davis (MP, JMHu). There were a few good flycatchers: Eastern Phoebe (fide JM) and Tropical Kingbird (LLu, mob) at Point Reyes; and Dusky-capped Flycatcher along Gazos Creek Rd. (MFe, AME, RSTh). An American Dipper was reported from Sunol Regional Park on the 13th (DOg). There are historical breeding records for this species, but the Alameda County Breeding Bird Atlas has so far turned up no evidence of current nesting. There was a

Brown Thrasher in Bolinas from the 8th to the 11th (KH).

A **Bell's Vireo** was seen at the Consumnes River Preserve in Sacramento County on the 7th (JML). This species used to be a fairly common breeder in riparian areas in the interior valleys, but with the exception of a sighting in 1977 there has not been a summer record from the Sacramento Valley since 1958, and there are few records from other times of the year. There was a Philadelphia Vireo on S. E. Farallon on the 9th (PRBO). Warblers include: Lucy's in Humboldt County (GSL fide JCS, DGY); Magnolia at Bodega Bay (LLu) and S. E. Farallon where there was also a Black-throated Blue (PRBO); Blackburnian at Point Reyes (RS); Black-and-white at Pescadero (AME, LLU, ADeM), Andrew Molera S.P. (SRo) and San Francisco (PJM); and **Prothonotary** at Sacramento N.R.W. (SAd, JMHu, BY).

There was a Summer Tanager at Bolinas on the 22nd (KH) and an Indigo Bunting at Andrew

Molera S.P. on the 21st (SRo). Four Clay-colored Sparrows, two Vesper Sparrows, and five Sharp-tailed Sparrows were reported along with a total of fifty-two Swamp and a nearly equal number of White-throated Sparrows. Lapland Longspurs were seen at Point Reyes and Half Moon Bay (KH, JM, KCo, RSTh); Chestnut-collared Longspurs at San Rafael and Point Reyes (RS, JMcD). A Scott's Oriole was banded on S. E. Farallon on the 10th (PRBO). Red Crossbills and Evening Grosbeaks were around.

Observers: Sue Adair, Stephen F. Bailey, Keith Cotter, J. Scott Cox, Jim Danzenbaker, Gary Deghi, Al DeMartini, Alan M. Eisner, Mark Fenner, Reid Freeman, Keith Hansen, Mike Healy, Joan M. Humphrey, Ben Johnson, Jeri M. Langham, Gary S. Lester, Leslie Lieurance, Mac McCormick, John McDonagh, Bert McKee, Peter J. Metropulos, Joe Morlan, Michael Perrone, Spencer Platt, Point Reyes Bird Observatory, Jean M. Richmond, Robert J. Richmond, Mike M. Rogers, Steven C. Rottenborn, Steve Rovell, Daan Sandee, Jeff Seay, Doug Shaw, Debra Love Shearwater, Dan Singer, Judy Spitler, Rich Stallcup, John C. Sterling, Scott B. Terrill, Ron S. Thorn, Dorothy Tobkin, Jerry R. White, David G. Yee, Bob Yutzy, Jim Zimmer

Classes in San Francisco

Evening bird classes taught by Joe Morlan will be starting February 8, 9 and 10. All classes meet 7-9:15 p.m. in Room 222, Marina Middle School, 3500 Fillmore Street (between Bay and Chestnut), San Francisco.

The instructor is co-author of *Birds of Northern California* and compiler of the "Northern California Rare Bird Alert" sponsored by Golden Gate Audubon Society. Slides illustrate the lectures; the text for all classes is the National Geographic Society's *A Field Guide to the Birds of North America*.

Field Ornithology I on Tuesdays is an introduction to birds and birding, combining basic field skills with the study of bird ecology, biology and behavior. Part A: February 8 to March 22; Part B: April 5 to May 17.

Field Ornithology II on Wednesdays is a continuing in-depth study of the identification and status of North American water birds, including shorebirds and gulls. Part A: February 9 to March 23; Part B: April 6 to May 18.

Field Ornithology III on Thursdays is a continuing study of land birds including thrashers,

vireos and warblers. Part A: February 10 to March 24; Part B: April 7 to May 19.

These classes are endorsed by the Golden Gate Audubon Society. Optional weekend field trips at additional coast may be arranged by the instructor. Please bring binoculars and field guides to class if you have them.

Fees are \$65 for each seven-week course. Students need not take Part A to enroll in Part B classes. Pre-registration is recommended. For information, call City College of San Francisco Continuing Education Office at (415) 561-1840.

Field Trips Calendar

Wednesday, January 12

Mini trip to Arrowhead Marsh

Leaders: Anna Wilcox (510) 351-9301 and Jean-Marie Spoelman. For details, see *The Gull* for December.

Saturday, January 15

Palo Alto Baylands

Meet at 8 a.m. Take Hwy. 101 south to Palo Alto, exit at Embarcadero and drive east toward the airport and Baylands Nature Center. Continue beyond the airport to the duck pond (on the left) and park at the east end. Bring lunch, scopes and clothes appropriate for rain and mud. We should see waterfowl, rails and shorebirds. Trip will end in mid-afternoon. Leader: Dan Murphy (415) 564-0074 (✓)

Saturday, January 15

Delta Area: Lodi, Woodbridge Rd. and Staten Island

Meet at 8:30 a.m. in the parking lot of Rocky's Restaurant at the intersection of I-5 and Hwy. 12. From the Bay Area take Hwy. 580 and continue east beyond Tracy to I-5. Go north about 14 miles beyond Stockton to the intersection of Hwy. 12. (An alternate route would be to take Hwy. 12 out of Fairfield and Rio Vista to the intersection of I-5.)

We will caravan to the Lodi sewage ponds for rare shorebirds and then to Staten Island for Sandhill Cranes and waterfowl, including Tundra Swans and Snow Geese. Dress warmly and be prepared for rain. Bring lunch and liquids. Leader: *David Yee (209) 951-1526 (✓)

***Noteworthy:** David Yee, who has led this trip for GGAS for the past nine years, has been a Regional Editor for *American Birds* magazine for the past six years.

Saturday, January 15

Carrizo Plain

Meet in the town of Cholame (on Hwy. 46 midway between Kettleman City on I-5 and Paso Robles on Hwy. 101). Lodging is available in both cities which are approximately 35 minutes from Cholame.

From the Bay Area, drive south on I-5 to Kettleman City, then west for 28 miles on Hwy. 41 to the intersection of Hwy. 46. Continue west on 46 to Cholame. Or, from the Bay Area, drive south on

Hwy. 101 to Paso Robles, then east for 24 miles on Hwy. 46 to Cholame. (In the event of valley fog, Hwy. 101 might be the prudent choice.) Drive time is four-and-one-half to five hours, so we suggest you plan to arrive Friday evening to be ready for a full day of birding on Saturday. (Fill your gas tank before leaving Paso Robles or Kettleman City in preparation for approximately 100 miles of car caravaning.) We will caravan south from Cholame to Carrizo Plain.

The leader reports that the area is excellent this year for a wide variety of raptors. Mountain Plovers, longspurs, and Sandhill Cranes are usually seen. Not only will we see noteworthy birds, but we will also learn about the geology of the area from Eben McMillan, the leader, and a lifelong resident rancher. The San Andreas Fault is very much in evidence and is an outstanding feature here. Much of the area has been purchased by the Nature Conservancy to establish a refuge.

This trip is limited to 25 participants, and will be cancelled if there is bad weather. For reservations, trip confirmation, and notice of meeting time, call Russ Wilson (Field Trips Committee Chairman, (510) 524-2399). Bring a lunch, liquids, warm clothes and perhaps a scope. Leader: Eben McMillan (✓)

Saturday, January 15

Monterey Bay Pelagic Trip

A day on a boat on Monterey Bay looking for pelagic birds and mammals. Send check for \$37.50 to GGAS office to reserve place. Limited to 27 participants. Leaders: Alan Hopkins, Dan Singer, Donna Lion.

Sunday, January 23

Upper San Leandro Reservoir, Moraga

Meet at 8 a.m. in the Valle Vista Staging Area for a one-half day trip. Take Hwy. 24 to Orinda and exit on Moraga Hwy. Continue approximately four miles to Canyon Rd. Turn right at traffic signal and continue 1.2 miles to Valle Vista Staging Area on left.

Grassy hills, pines, oaks and open water provide varied habitats for landbirds and wintering waterfowl. We will hike about four miles in hilly terrain. Rain cancels. Leader: David George (510) 339-0765. (✓)

Field Trips Calendar

Saturday, January 29

Panoche Valley

Meet at 8 a.m. at the intersection of Hwy. 25 and J-1 in Paicines, 12.5 miles south of Hollister. From there we will drive east ending at I-5 south of Los Banos. In the past we have seen Mountain Plovers, Mountain Bluebirds, Ferruginous and Rough-legged hawks, Vesper Sparrows and Lewis' Woodpeckers.

Considering the distance involved in this trip, be sure to fill your gas tank before leaving Hollister, and carpool from the Bay Area if possible. Bring lunch and warm clothes. Rain cancels. (This tip will not be combined with the Los Banos trip as in previous years, due to incompatible dates.) Leader: Chris Carpenter (510) 569-9281 (day), (510) 547-2201 (eve.) (✓)

Saturday, February 5

Lake Merced, San Francisco

Meet at 9 a.m. at the south end of Sunset Blvd. in the Lake Merced Circle. (Muni bus service is available.) This is a good time to see wintering grebes and other waterfowl. Lunch is optional for this one-half day trip. Leader: Alan Hopkins (415) 664-0983.

Sunday, February 6

Lake Merritt, Oakland

Lake Merritt, Oakland. Meet at 9 a.m. at Grand Ave. and El Embarcadero by the Greek Colonnade. Bring binoculars, scope, and field guide if you have them. This is an excellent opportunity to observe wintering ducks and grebes at close range and to study their field identification. This trip is recommended for beginners and is

wheelchair accessible. Trip ends at noon. Rain cancels. Leader: Joan Zawaski (415) 433-1700 (day); (510) 530-2427 (eve.) (✓)

Wednesday, February 9

Mini-trip to Coyote Hills Regional Park

Meet at 9 a.m. in the parking lot by the Visitors' Center at the end of the road. From the East Bay take I-880 south to Rt. 84/Dumbarton Bridge exit. Go west and take Ardenwood/Newark Blvd. exit. Continue on Ardenwood three-quarters of a mile to Commerce Dr. and follow the signs to Coyote Hills (on Patterson Ranch Rd.) From San Francisco take Hwy. 101 south beyond Redwood City, cross the Dumbarton Bridge and exit on Paseo Padre Pkwy.; go north one mile to Patterson Ranch Rd. and follow signs to Coyote Hills.

We will be looking for three species of teal and other wintering waterfowl. Bring lunch and a scope if you have one. Leaders: Anna Wilcox (510) 351-9301 and Jean-Marie Spoelman \$ (✓)

Plan Ahead

Sunday, February 13—Los Banos State Wildlife Refuge. Leaders: Peter and Dolores White (510) 229-1714.

Trips marked with \$ to to parks or other sites that require an entrance fee.

Carpooling arrangements will be attempted for trips marked (✓). See below.

Problems: If you need a ride or can take a passenger, or if you need information and have difficulty reaching a field trip leader, call Russ Wilson, Field Trips Committee Chmn. (510) 524-2399.

Chickadee Update

We asked a while back whether our readers had noticed a decline in chickadees. We had a few replies, about evenly divided between "yes" and "no". The most thoughtful response came from R. L. Smith who lives in the Oakland hills near the fire area and who has seen a noticeable increase in Chestnut-backed Chickadees coming to his feeder. He also passed along a number of other trends he has observed in the two years since the fire:

- kestrels, warblers, bluebirds, crossbills, and thrashers have not returned

- quail, sparrows, nuthatches, kinglets, grosbeaks and towhees disappeared for 1 year but are gradually increasing

- juncoes, jays and finches showed no change
- Bandtailed Pigeons, chickadees, titmice, woodpeckers and flickers have increased (standing damaged trees favor the woodpeckers and flickers; are the others merely more concentrated in the remaining tree cover?)

- the hawk and owl population has exploded (the hills have become rodent heaven)

Interesting observations. Thank you, R. L. Smith.

Current Events

Wildlife of the Golden Gate National Recreation Area

Have you ever wondered what kind of wild creatures roam the Marin Headlands in the Golden Gate National Recreation Area (GGNRA)? Come and find out at our January program in San Francisco. The program will begin at 7:30 p.m., Thursday, January 13th, at the Josephine Randall Museum, 199 Museum Way. Our speaker, Dr. Judd Howell, Research Ecologist for GGNRA, has been studying the diversity and distribution of mammals, reptiles and amphibians for the past three years. With the assistance of Earthwatch volunteers, he began an inventory of GGNRA's terrestrial vertebrates in 1990.

Since most mammals and many reptiles are secretive and active mostly at night, biologists and their super-sleuth helpers do much of their detective work at night or look for clues with special techniques. Sheets of tin covered with smoke soot placed

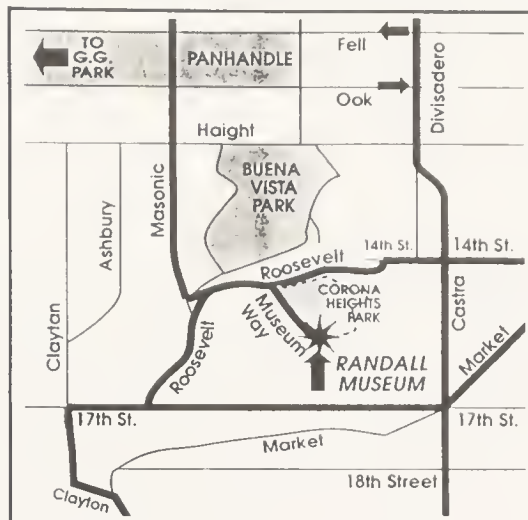
on "game trails" record the footprints of passing skunks, squirrels and bobcats.

Small mammals like mice and shrews who can't resist a free meal of oatmeal and peanut butter are lured into traps. Biologists identify, mark and release the animals unharmed.

When the same individuals are caught again, a picture of their habitat preferences and population size begins to emerge. Larger animals like gray fox and bobcat are followed even more closely with the aid of radio telemetry equipment, which allows tracking of an individual's every movement.

Learn about the picture of biodiversity and animal/plant community interactions that is slowly

beginning to take shape. Judd Howell has worked in GGNRA as a field and research biologist for 13 years. He has a Ph.D. in wildlife ecology from the University of California/Berkeley and is also an adjunct professor at Humboldt State University.



Future Events

January 29

Mountain Plover Census

Mountain Plovers now number only 2000 to 6000. Much of the world's population winters in California. Join National Audubon and federal and state agencies in a one-day census effort. Call Bob Barnes at (916) 481-5532 for details.

February 17-22

California Duck Days

"A Wetlands Festival in the Heart of the Pacific Flyway" in and around Davis in Yolo County. Field trips to outstanding winter birding areas within two hours of Davis plus entertainment, speakers, special events and workshops. Call (800) 425-5001 or contact Bob Barnes at (916) 481-5332.

March 26-29

Birds in the Balance at Asilomar

National Audubon Society/Western Regional Conference on the latest efforts to sustain healthy and viable populations of neotropical migratory songbirds. A conference for the entire family with speakers, workshops, field trips and a concurrent youth program. Details will be mailed to every Audubon member. Call Jill Shirley at (916) 481-5332 for additional information.

Summer, 1994 — Kenya Safari

Seventeen days of birds and wildlife in Kenya with Alan Hopkins. Masai Mara, Tsavo, Amboseli, Samburu, Lake Naivasha, Aberdares, North and South Coast and more. Cost: \$4,100.00. Includes round-trip air-fare from San Francisco and a \$200 donation to GGAS. Call Marcia or Tasha at Park East Tours: (800) 223-6078.

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Pick up in Berkeley at the GGAS office.

SEED SALE

Our next seed sale will take place on February 5 and 6, 1994. Seed orders with checks made out to GGAS and with a self-addressed stamped envelope must be received in the office by Wednesday, January 26, 1994. Pick-up of seed will take place Friday, February 4, 3-6 p.m., and Saturday, February 5, 9 a.m. to 1 p.m., at the Golden Gate Audubon Office in Berkeley.

The seed sales are an important source of income for our chapter, allowing us to continue our conservation, education and field-trip activities. We have held our prices steady for several years now despite increases from our wholesaler. This year costs have jumped once again and we have been forced to raise our prices in response. We apologize but feel we have no choice. We'd like to remind you that Volkman seed is the best available: there's no waste seed and it's cleaned four times before packing so there's no dust or debris.

We will once again have extra seed on hand so if you forget to order all that you require, we should be able to satisfy your needs. We look forward to seeing you on seed sale day.

WELCOME NEW MEMBERS

As a member of National Audubon Society, you are automatically enrolled in the local chapter, Golden Gate Audubon Society. Chapter benefits include receipt of *The GULL*, access to field trips and programs, and the opportunity to volunteer. Call the office if you have any questions.

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